



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

Addressing Bullying in Schools Bill  
Marshalled List of Amendments  
Consideration Stage  
Monday 22 February 2016

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 17 February 2016 and selected for debate

---

The Bill will be considered in the following order-  
Clauses and Long Title

**Amendment 1**      *[Made]*

**Clause 1, Page 1, Line 2**

Leave out from beginning to end of line 8 and insert -

‘In this Act “bullying” includes (but is not limited to) the repeated use of—

- (a) any verbal, written or electronic communication,
- (b) any other act, or
- (c) any combination of those,

by a pupil or a group of pupils against another pupil or group of pupils, with the intention of causing physical or emotional harm to that pupil or group of pupils.’

*Minister of Education*

**Amendment 2** [Negatived on division]

*As an amendment to Amendment 1*

At end insert-

‘and where there is an imbalance of power’.

*Mrs Sandra Overend*

*Mr Danny Kennedy*

**Amendment 3** [Made]

**Clause 2**, Page 1, Line 12

Leave out from ‘among pupils registered’ and insert ‘involving a registered pupil’

*Minister of Education*

**Amendment 4** [Made]

**Clause 2**, Page 1, Line 16

Leave out ‘registered pupils’ and insert ‘a registered pupil’

*Minister of Education*

**Amendment 5** [Made]

**Clause 2**, Page 1, Line 20

At end insert -

‘or

(iv) while the pupil is receiving educational provision arranged on behalf of the school and provided elsewhere than on the premises of the school.’

*Minister of Education*

**Amendment 6** [Made]

**Clause 2**, Page 1, Line 22

Leave out sub-paragraph (i) and insert -

‘(i) at intervals of no more than 4 years; and’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

**Amendment 7** [Made]

**Clause 2**, Page 2, Line 16

At end insert -

‘(1A) The Board of Governors of a grant-aided school may, to such extent as it thinks reasonable, consider measures to be taken at the school (whether by the Board of Governors, the staff of the school or other persons) with a view to preventing bullying involving a registered pupil at the school which—

- (a) involves the use of electronic communication;
- (b) takes place in circumstances other than those listed in subsection (1)(b); and
- (c) is likely to have a detrimental effect on that pupil’s education at the school.’

*Minister of Education*

**Amendment 8** [Not called]

**Clause 2**, Page 2, Line 16

At end insert -

‘(1A) The Board of Governors of a grant-aided school may, to such an extent as is reasonable, consider measures to be taken by the school (whether by the Board of Governors, the staff of the school or other persons) with a view to preventing bullying by means of electronic communication, in circumstances other than those listed in section 2(1)(b), where that bullying is likely to have a detrimental effect on a registered pupil’s education.’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

**Amendment 9** [Made]

**Clause 3**, Page 2, Line 26

Leave out ‘or alleged incidents of’ and insert ‘of bullying or alleged’

*Minister of Education*

**Amendment 10** [Made]

**Clause 3**, Page 2, Line 31

At end insert -

‘or

- (d) while the pupil is receiving educational provision arranged on behalf of the school and provided elsewhere than on the premises of the school.’

*Minister of Education*

**Amendment 11** [Made]

**Clause 3**, Page 2, Line 34

At end insert -

‘(aa) state the methods of bullying, as defined by section 1;’

*Mrs Sandra Overend*

*Mr Danny Kennedy*

**Amendment 12** [Made]

**Clause 3**, Page 2, Line 36

Leave out from ‘may’ to end of line 4 on page 3 and insert -

‘may, for example, relate to—

- (a) differences of religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, sex, sexual orientation or marital status;
- (b) differences between persons with a disability and persons without;
- (c) differences between persons with dependants and persons without;
- (d) differences between persons based on gender reassignment;
- (e) differences between persons based on pregnancy.’

*Minister of Education*

**Amendment 13** [Made]

**Clause 3**, Page 3, Line 4

At end insert -

‘(3A) The Department may by order subject to negative resolution amend subsection (3).’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

**Amendment 14** [Not moved]

**Clause 3**, Page 3, Line 9

Leave out subsection (5)

*Minister of Education*